

HOUSE BILL 3408
By McMillan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 3, relative to certificates of title.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a person may apply for certificate of title to a vehicle lacking proper documentation if such vehicle has a fair market value of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or less and such person submits a certificate of ownership, signed under penalty of perjury, on a form prescribed by the department. Such certificate of ownership shall be accompanied by the following supporting documentation:

(A) Certified letters with a return receipt requested to be sent to all known parties with a legal interest in the vehicle requesting an assigned certificate of title; and

(B) Verification of the vehicle identification number (VIN) by a law enforcement officer or licensed dealer.

(2) Upon submission of a complete certificate of ownership including supporting documentation and payment of the appropriate fee, a certificate of title shall be issued absent clear evidence of fraud or circumstances that make the vehicle eligible for titling supported by the proper transfer documents. A certificate of title issued pursuant to the provisions of this subsection (e) shall not relieve the registrant of civil or criminal liability resulting from possession of the vehicle as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.